

CITY OF NORTH BEND  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL WORKSTUDY NOTES  
**November 17, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**  
Mt Si Senior Center, 411 Main Ave. S., North Bend, WA

Councilmember Loudenback called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmembers David Cook, Alan Gothelf, Ryan Kolodejchuk, Ross Loudenback, Jeanne Pettersen and Jonathan Rosen. Councilmember Williamson was excused.

**Staff Present:** Mayor Ken Hearing, City Administrator Londi Lindell, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Dawn Masko, and City Clerk Susie Oppedal.

**Discussion on B&O Square Footage Ordinance**

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Masko explained the City Council had previously amended North Bend Municipal Code Section 5.04 in 2012 to adopt the Model B&O Tax Ordinance as required by State Law. She noted that although the Model Ordinance allowed for the City to adopt a square footage tax the Council chose not to do so at that time. Ms. Masko noted Bellevue and a few other cities had adopted such an ordinance and benefits in doing so included capturing non-retail activities and services such as manufacturing, mini-storage and warehousing type business that were exempt under the current tax code.

Ms. Makso reviewed the proposed ordinance that created a square footage tax at the rate of \$0.15 per square foot per quarter on businesses with 10,000 or more square footage of space. She noted the square footage tax would be owed only if the square footage tax exceeded the gross receipts tax and anticipated the revenue generated would be approximately \$100,000.

City Administrator Lindell reported the City had been contacted by Nintendo who expressed concern about the impact the proposed tax would have on their business. Ms. Lindell noted Nintendo estimated their yearly tax under the new square footage tax would be in excess of \$200,000. After discussion, it was suggested to move the item to a future workstudy for further discussion.

**Adjournment**

The workstudy closed at 6:51 p.m.

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Ross Loudenback, Councilmember

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Susie Oppedal, City Clerk